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SUBJEC:POSSIBLE MEETING BETWEEN SECRETARY AND EC NINE

1. DANISH AMBASSADOR BARTELS, IN HIS CAPACITY AS EC SPOKESMAN, CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESSEL ON DEC.

6, TO STATE ON BEHALF OF THE NINE THAT: (1) THE NINE WERE AWARE THAT THE SECRETARY OF STATE WOULD HAVE BEEN PREPARED TO MEET WITH THE NINE ON THE OCCASION OF THE NATO MEETING IN BRUSSELS; (2) THE NINE, FOR THEIR PART, WOULD HAVE BEEN READY TO ACCEPT AN AMERICAN PROPOSITION TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES COVERING RELATIONS BETWEEN THE NINE AND THE U.S.; (3) BUT THE NINE

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DO NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO ARRANGE A

MEETING FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS: DISCUSSIONS REGARDING THE DECLARATION ARE MAKING SATISFACTORY PROGRESS AT THE OFFICIAL LEVEL; THE NINE FEEL THAT A GENERAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS DOES NOT SEEM TO BE CALLED FOR AT THIS MOMENT; THE NINE ALSO FEEL THAT A MEETING NOW AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL IN CONNECTION WITH THE NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING MIGHT CAUSE OBJECTIONS TO BE RAISED BY THE NON-EC MEMBERS OF NATO.

2. BARTELS SAID THE ABOVE HAD BEEN THE RESULT OF LONG AND SOMETIMES DIFFICULT DISCUSSIONS AMONG THE NINE.

3. SAYING THAT HE HAD CONCLUDED HIS FORMAL PRESENTATION ON BEHALF OF THE NINE, BARTELS SAID HE HAD A SUGGESTION TO MAKE. THE EC COUNTERPROPOSALS ON THE DECLARATION WOULD BE READY BY THE END OF THE WEEK AND IF ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESEL THOUGHT A MEETING WITH THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS IN BRUSSELS ON DECEMBER 11 WOULD BE USEFUL, THE NINE WOULD BE READY TO MEET WITH HIM. BARTELS EXPLAINED THAT THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE WOULD BE IN BRUSSELS ANYWAY FOR LUNCH ON DECEMBER 10.

4. BARTELS SAID THE ABOVE FORMULATION WAS A BIT AMBIGUOUS--IT WAS A SUGGESTION, NOT AN INVITATION, AND NOT PART OF HIS EARLIER MESSAGE ON BEHALF OF THE NINE.

5. ON A DIFFERENT MATTER, BARTELS SAID HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED BY HIS FOREIGN MINISTER K.B. ANDERSEN TO REQUEST AN APPOINTMENT FOR HIM WITH THE SECRETARY BEFORE THE NATO MEETING. MR. STOESEL AGREED TO PASS ON THE REQUEST. KISSINGER

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